



Bag pack at B&M in Ferryhill raises funds for local family



The bag pack at B&M Bargains in Ferryhill raised over £110 to help a family whose young daughter has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

A charity bag pack which took place at B&M Bargains in Market Place, Ferryhill on Saturday 30th July has raised £110.97 which will go towards helping a local

family to cope with traumatic health news.

The bag packers were Nicole Mason from Purple Ladies, her daughter, Nikita, Pamela Woodhead from Zombie Trikers Durham and her daughter, Amy.

Purple Ladies is a charity organisation based in Coundon that primarily focuses on raising awareness for mental illness and raising funds for those who are afflicted with mental illness.

Zombie Trikers Durham is a family oriented triker club who fundraise for worthy causes.

The club describes itself as a "great mix of good people who like to ride trikes and get involved with creating events for charity."

A spokesperson for the organisations said: "We'd like to thank all the B&M staff and customers for their support."

Successful road race for Ferryhill cyclists

A new cycling event on the North East circuit, organised by the Ferryhill Wheelers Cycling Club recently took place to celebrate the club's ninetieth anniversary.

The Ferryhill Wheelers 90th Anniversary Road Race, which took place in Stamfordham in Northumberland, drew in cyclists from clubs all over the north, including Sheffield University Cycling Club, Hull Thursday Cycling Club and GS Metro Cycling Club. Patrick Clark, from Newcastle, riding for Sheffield University Cycling Club, led the 70-man field from the starter's gun and, although challenged by Tim Wilcox of GS Metro Cycling Club, deservedly won the race. The event was deemed a huge success and Ferryhill

Wheelers Cycling Club are hoping to bring it closer to home next year, with the permission of the Durham Constabulary.

The cycling club was founded in 1926 and has grown steadily in size, currently comprising around 130 members aged between ten and ninety who participate in most cycling disciplines, including road racing, track racing and pottering around the lanes.

Anyone wishing to join the club can express their interest at a club meeting. The meetings take place on the first Monday of every month at 8pm in Ferryhill Catholic Club, excepting bank holidays, which pushes the meeting forward to the following week.

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Daughter Angela and
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Louis Blatchford

10 August

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As we think of you every day



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Louis Blatchford



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August 14th 2011

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years without you. I miss
you every minute of every
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Brianna Bell

16th August



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Brianna Bell



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Brianna Bell

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Michael Seymour

August 14th



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Mam & Dad
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Michael Seymour

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Birthdays

Michael Seymour

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Hotel to host Mini Beer Festival for Help for Heroes



The Eden Arms Hotel at Rushyford will be the venue for a Mini Beer Festival in aid of Help for Heroes on Saturday 27th August.

Photo: Eden Arms Hotel

The Eden Arms Hotel is hosting a charity Mini Beer Festival on Saturday 27th August in aid of Help For Heroes.

"We picked this charity because at the hotel there are many staff that have family serving or have been in the armed forces, so it is close to many of our hearts," said General Manager, Laurie Simpson.

"We have two local breweries, Steam Machine and the Surtees Arms, who will be coming with their beers for everyone to enjoy.

"Hot food will be cooked fresh by our chef and served during the day.

"While you're enjoying the family atmosphere you will be able to enjoy fantastic local bands who will play throughout the day.

"We are very lucky to have Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society coming along with four of their buses," added Mr Simpson.

"They will be providing rides for everyone to enjoy."

All money from ticket sales will go to the Help For Heroes charity.

Mr Simpson also appealed for donations for the tombola: "If anyone has any prizes they would like to donate, please drop them off to the hotel reception."

Tickets for the festival will be going on sale on Sunday 21st August at the cost of £2 per person and they

can be purchased from the hotel reception.

Meanwhile, as part of the fundraising effort, the hotel's maintenance man, Keith Robson will be missing out on all the festival fun as he sets off on his bike for a return trip to Catterick Garrison. He will be collecting sponsorship and donations along the way.

"We look forward to seeing you there and I'm sure that it will prove a great event," said Mr Simpson.



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Get your dog ready for travel

As holiday season begins the British Veterinary Association (BVA) are asking owners to make sure their dog is as travel ready as they can be if they plan to take their pet abroad this summer.

Although holidays are exciting, they can be hazardous for dogs as going overseas exposes them to disease and illness they may not have come into contact with back at home.

Some of these diseases can have serious effects on a dog's health and may even be fatal.

As part of the EU Pet Travel Scheme, owners need to be able to provide an up to date and correct Pet Passport with all appropriate areas completed.

We recommend visiting your local vet at least three weeks before travelling to make sure that your pet and its passport are ready for holidays.

Gudrun Ravetz, Junior Vice President of BVA, said: "Dogs are a big part of the family and it's great that they are able to join their owners on holiday, however it's important to ensure that the free movement of dogs overseas does not also

mean the free movement of disease too.

"We encourage owners to contact their local vet for more information on pet travel and to book an appointment as soon as possible to make sure their dog is fully protected when it travels."

BVA has created a handy Pet Travel Checklist to remind owners of what checks their dog needs, and when they should book an appointment with their local vet before the holiday:

- Book an appointment with your vet at least three weeks before travel to get started on the right medication at the right time
- Check rabies vaccination and pet passport are up to date
- Ensure microchip is working and reading correctly
- Speak to your vet about preventive treatment needed to protect your dog against ticks, sandflies, heartworm and tapeworm
- Talk to your vet if going somewhere hot to discuss prevention of heatstroke and how to recognise signs of the problem in your dog.

Fun day to promote Miners' Welfare Recreation Ground



Chilton Town Council is hosting a Fun Day at Chilton Miners' Welfare Recreation Ground which will showcase the facilities available to the public.

In order to promote its range of facilities, Chilton Town Council has organised a Family Fun Day at the Miners' Welfare Recreation Ground, Chilton on Saturday 20th August from 11am until 3pm.

Chilton's Mayor, Cllr Elizabeth Bruce, will be hosting a coffee morning in the Pavilion.

A spokesperson said: "We would like to encourage visitors to come along and try the various activities located within the park.

"Get further information from groups who regularly use the park facilities including: Croquet Club, Thai Boxing and Sedgfield Tennis Club.

"Also in attendance will be

the local Scout group and hopefully both the police and fire brigade.

For the younger visitor's children's entertainer Llewellyn for Fun will be performing Punch & Judy Shows plus face painting and balloon modelling."

For further details telephone the Town Council on 01388 721788.

Cornforth Partnership secures befriending service funding

The Cornforth Partnership has been successful in receiving funding from the 4 Together Area Action Partnership to roll out *The B Network* in the Ferryhill, Chilton, Bishop Middleham and West Cornforth areas.

The B Network is a volunteer befriending service which aims to reduce the social isolation of elderly residents in the local community.

The service will provide residents with a volunteer

befriender who will offer flexible short term support to residents in their own homes.

The service will also provide a range of social activities and visits to places of interest.

A volunteer befriender will develop trusting relationships with the clients and, where appropriate, help them to attend and engage in activities and groups in the community.

They will guide clients to

relevant specialist services for additional support.

Practical support may also include assistance with shopping or simply taking the time to listen over a cup of tea.

A regular chat can be a vital link into the community to those who can be socially isolated because of restricted mobility or because their family and friends don't live close by.

Anyone interested in becoming a befriender and who can be described as patient and reliable can contact the project team on 01740 652000, at tony@cornforthpartnership.org or by visiting www.cornforthpartnership.co.uk.

A full training and support package will be provided by the Cornforth Partnership, including progression opportunities in Health and Social Care.

Volunteers are required to be able to give a minimum of two hours a week.

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Pupils turn teachers to educate over dog mess



Pupils from Bishop Middleham's St Michael's C of E Primary School with their anti-dog fouling poster and their 'dog alert' flags.

Pupils from a school in Bishop Middleham swapped learning for teaching as they educated people about responsible dog ownership. St Michael's Church of England Primary School children joined forces with Durham County Council's Civic Pride Team to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dog. After their educational assembly - and meeting the team's anti-dog fouling mascot Scoop the dog - students undertook a 'dog foul mapping exercise' on a 200m stretch of footpath and on the school's playing field.

Any piece of dog foul found by the pupils had a 'dog alert' flag placed next to it by a representative from Bishop Middleham and Mainsforth Town Council before it was cleaned up. Students also designed an anti-dog fouling poster in which the winning design was made into a dog bin sticker. The sticker is now attached to the waste bins in the area. Pauline Walker, DCC's senior civic pride officer, said: "We wanted to get the children involved and help us spread the message to people about responsible dog ownership.

If people see children are making the effort to keep the streets clean, then hopefully it will encourage them to do the same." Members of the public can report dog fouling online any time at durham.gov.uk/dogfouling or by calling 03000 261 000 during office hours. Anyone wishing to sign up to become a responsible dog owner can download a form at durham.gov.uk/greendogwalkers. To get involved in environmental schemes in your area, visit durham.gov.uk/civicpride for more information about the Civic Pride initiative.

Poetry Corner

Don't fall into despondency

by Velma Dixon, Ferryhill

As we get older we fall apart
We must be strong and not lose heart
Keep our bodies in good repair
Don't sit about and stare and stare.

Join a club - socialise
Reach for those stars in the skies
Exercise will keep us fit
Don't sink into a despondent pit.

Be brave - be strong
On the path you walk along
Take a positive look on life
Don't give in to sorrow and strife.

For whatever reason or rhyme
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Have faith and hope in yourself
Don't fail to care about your health.

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B&M bag pack raises funds

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The buckets will remain in store for anyone who still wishes to donate."

An additional fundraising family fun day and night will take place on Saturday 13th August from 12 noon at the Dog Inn at Heighington. All proceeds will again go to the same family, who wish to cope with their news privately in the meantime. The day will include trike rides, a bouncy castle, face painting, a tombola, a raffle, cakes, stalls, games and much more.

There will be evening en-

tertainment in the form of a disco and live music from Alice Jordan at 6.30pm, Elvis tribute act Andrew King from 8pm and the Tainted Rose at 9pm.

Overnight camping is available at the event for £3.

Before enjoying the lineup, visitors can demonstrate their own musical prowess in a karaoke session at 5.30pm.

Food will be available throughout the day (including free hot dogs for children).

For more information about the event, contact Nicola on 07730 345315.

PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

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CONTACTS: PC Beacom, PCSO Armstrong on 101.

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Ferryhill marker stone cleaned after graffiti vandalism



The Ferryhill sign took two hours to clean last week using a jet spray after being vandalised with spray painted graffiti.

The Ferryhill sign, which can be viewed coming up from East Howle Bank, has been restored to its former glory after being the most recent target in a spate of vandalism.

As reported in last week's *Chapter*, the sign had been

defaced with spray painted graffiti which took a local council worker two hours to remove using a jet spray. The vandalism followed a series of incidents at Ferryhill Carrs, all of which have since been rectified. One regular visitor to

Ferryhill Carrs, who also photographed last week's damage to the Ferryhill sign, wrote to the *Chapter* to say that the previously damaged areas are now "looking great with plenty of flora and the sign is well cleaned."

This week in History

11 August 2014

Oscar-winning actor and comedian Robin Williams, who rose to fame in the hit tv sitcom *Mork & Mindy*, is found dead at his home in Tiburon, California, after taking his own life.

12 August 1964

Charlie Wilson, part of the gang who pulled off the 1963 Great Train Robbery, escapes from Winson Green Prison in Birmingham. He was recaptured in Canada in 1968.

13 August 1961

Shortly after midnight, East German soldiers begin laying down barbed wire and bricks as the Berlin Wall isolates West Berlin inside the Soviet-controlled East Germany.

14 August 1980

Workers in Gdansk, Poland, led by Lech Walesa, seize the Lenin Shipyard and demand pay raises. Walesa would go on to become president after the fall of communism.

15 August 1057

At the Battle of Lumphanan, King Macbeth of Scotland is slain by Malcolm Canmore, whose father, King Duncan I, was murdered by Macbeth 17 years earlier.

16 August 1977

The "King of Rock and Roll", Elvis Presley dies in Memphis, Tennessee. He was 42. Doctors said he died of a heart attack, likely brought on by addiction to prescription drugs.

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Leisure centres are throwing open their doors to encourage people inspired by the Olympic and Paralympic games to get fit and active for free. Durham County Council is offering free five visit passes at the 10 centres it runs - which can be used for gym sessions, group exercise classes or swimming - and free leisure discount cards.

Cllr Maria Plews, the authority's cabinet member for leisure, libraries and lifelong learning, said: "This August and September we're offering a great chance for those who feel inspired by the Rio games to try out new activities, learn new techniques and routines, and improve their health and happiness."

To take advantage of the free session offer you must have a Thrive leisure discount card and visits must take place when either the Olympic Games (from Friday 5 to Sunday 21 August) or the Paralympics

(Wednesday 7 to Sunday 18 September) are on.

If you do not already have a card, which ordinarily costs £5, then you can pick one up for free during the offer period. It can then also be used to save money on a range of activities including squash, table tennis, sauna and steam rooms.

Anyone who visits five times will be entered into a prize draw to win tickets for an event at Durham's Gala Theatre.

And as an added incentive, and a bid to encourage longer term fitness, those

who decide to take up a gym membership in either August or September will benefit from 50% off their first month's fees if paying via direct debit, or up to three months extra free if paying for an annual membership upfront.*

The offer is available at several leisure centres across the county including Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor leisure centres.

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Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

Like Councillor Avery (Letters, issue 769), I too am disappointed that meetings held by this group (Ferryhill Community Action Group) barred all councillors and some private landlords.

I was refused and referred to the constitution that bars councillors and private landlords.

Never have I countenanced barring elements of our community from any meeting, indeed I actively encourage attendance by all, regardless of political persuasion, creed or any other real or imagined bias.

I meet members of the community monthly at my surgery, and actively persuade all to engage in Council and Neighbourhood Plan meetings.

It is deeply regrettable that any group operates a bar whilst professing democratic ideals, but particularly so when the bar is selectively applied to allow participation of some.

I wish the participants success, trust they can be effective, and urge they consider attending Neighbourhood planning and Council meetings, but please do not profess to be democratic and representative of the people of Ferryhill.

You can't, because you're not.

Joe Makepeace
Town Councillor

Dear Editor,

In response to Councillor Avery's letter in last week's issue of the Chapter, I would like to explain that Ferryhill Community Action Group have arranged a number of meetings around Ferryhill to engage with as many local people / groups as possible to have a strong response to the County Durham Plan.

It is less than acceptable for Mr Avery, as a County Councillor, to criticise people who in their own time, using their own money to arrange meetings to give us as residents a fair opportunity to reply to the County Plan for our beloved town.

Mr Avery is one of three County Councillors who cost us over £30,000 a year to inform, engage, and give us advice on County matters.

If Mr Avery had been on the ball and made sure we had proper consultation event in place, FCAAG would have had no need to arrange any meetings at all.

But as always, it's too little too late from our County Councillors.

I felt privileged to be asked to help and advise FCAAG with the meetings and thank all the people who turned up, well over two hundred. FCAAG have well over two hundred responses to hand in at County Hall and lots more online responses, so well done FCAAG.

Yours sincerely,

David Farry

Editor says: The Chapter will be publishing no further correspondence on this matter.

Disappointing weekend for Mainsforth's senior sides

On Saturday 6th August Mainsforth's 1st XI travelled to Washington CC. Skipper, Garry Cummings won the toss and elected to bowl first.

The bowlers had the upper hand early on and Washington found themselves on 101-6, but a 7th wicket stand of 96 saw the innings close on 219-8.

Curtis Bihari (2-32) was the pick of the Mainsforth bowlers.

In reply, Mainsforth got off to the worst possible start losing opener Rob Chismon lbw to the first ball of the innings.

Fellow opener Jonny Barnes hit a fine innings of 49 being helped along the way by Garry Cummings [33]. Unfortunately wickets began to fall at regular intervals and the side were eventually bowled out for 141. Giving the 1st XI 6 points.

The 2nd XI were at home to Washington 2nds on the same day. Mainsforth won the toss and elected to bat first. The home batsmen found life very difficult against some fine Washington bowling, the side being bowled out for 131. Dave "Teflon" Peel top scoring with 33.

In reply Washington made short work of reaching their target, finishing on 133-4 from 20 overs. Pick of the Mainsforth attack being Kieren "Moon Ball" Jowett 2 for 6.

On Sunday 7th August the 3rd XI travelled to Eppleton to face their development team.

Eppleton won the toss and



U15's opening batsman, Lachlan Marron, who scored his first century against Eppleton CC last Thursday.

asked Mainsforth to bat first. It soon became clear it was an excellent decision as the batsmen showed very little resistance against some fine home side bowling. Mainsforth were 88 all out. Jonny Colledge top scoring with 27.

In reply Eppleton eased their way to 89-4.

On Thursday 4th August the u15's entertained Eppleton CC in a plaque

match. Eppleton's captain won the toss and decided to field first. He was soon left rueing his decision as the Mainsforth top order plundered the visitors bowlers to all points of the ground. At the end of the allotted 30 overs Mainsforth had amassed 198-1. Lachlan Marron getting his first hundred, retiring on 100 not out and was ably assisted by Lewis Jowett who finished 65 not out.

In reply Eppleton could not cope against some fine all round bowling from the Mainsforth attack. The pick of which were Joseph Wiffen 3-3 and Grace Kendall 2-2. Eppleton finishing 60 all out. It was an excellent all round performance by the side.

This Saturday, August 13th the 2nd XI are at home to Burnmoor 1pm start and the following day the 3rd team entertain Sunderland CC 1.30 pm start.

Celtic prepare for cup action



After an unbeaten league campaign last season, Ferryhill Celtic get their Durham & District Sunday League Division One campaign underway on Thursday 18th August.

Ferryhill Celtic's new season gets underway with a home cup tie on Sunday 14th August against lower league opposition in Sacriston The Shoes FC.

The First Round match, in the Castle Insurance Alan Smith Trophy, kicks off at 10.30am.

The newly promoted Celtic

& District Sunday League Division One campaign underway on Thursday evening, 18th August against Chester-le-Street Hilda Park, who were relegated from the Premier League last season.

The opening league game kicks off at 6.30pm at the Broom King George V Ground.

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